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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Janine Cole, Supervisor
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DATE: October 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Educational Sign Language Interpreter Permit



EDUCATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER (ESLI)

Please share this information with all teachers of the deaf and interpreters

Effective June 11, 2011, all Sign Language Interpreters shall hold a permit to function in a public school as an Educational Sign Language Interpreter. An applicant shall meet the requirements listed below.

Requirements:

- A) Submit an Institutional Recommendation from an accredited institution of higher learning; **OR**
- B) Document national certification; **OR**
- C) Obtain a score of 3.5 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: American Sign Language (ASL), Manually-Coded English (MCE), or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE); **OR**
- D) Document successful, full-time experience as an interpreter in a public school setting three (3) out of the last six (6) years; **AND,**
- E) Obtain a score of 3.2 or greater on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) in one of the following areas of sign language: American Sign Language (ASL), Manually-Coded English (MCE), or Pidgin Sign Language (PSE).

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To renew a **permit** issued under this requirement, the applicant shall obtain a score of 3.5 or greater on the EIPA in addition to all other standard renewal requirements.

Application Fee:

Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) application fee is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

EIPA Testing Dates:

The next scheduled EIPA testing dates are February 25th and 26th, 2011, and June 10th and 11th, 2011, at the Wyoming Department of Education, Outreach Research Library, 539 South Payne, Casper, Wyoming 82609, **and registration is required**. The Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) site for information about the registration is:

<http://www.task12.org/EIPARegistration.cfm>

This is the registration site for the February class:

<http://www.task12.org/RegistrationForms/2011Registration/WyFeb.pdf>

This is the registration site for the June class:

<http://www.task12.org/RegistrationForms/2011Registration/WyJune.pdf>

If you have any questions about the Education Sign Language Permit, please contact Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board at

<http://ptsb.state.wy.us> address 1920 Thomes Avenue, Suite 400, Cheyenne, WY 82002, telephone (307) 777-6261 or Janine Cole at

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